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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 1, 2008, Applicants respectfully request that the referenced patent application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.